

**Act II Scene 2 – On deck**

*Nathaniel, Otis, Sinless, Willy and Rupert are having a knot-tying lesson from Jim.*

**Jim:** So the rabbit goes round the hill three times and then pops down his burrow. OK? Lets see if you can do it. Nathaniel.

**Nathaniel:** The mole goes...

**Jim:** Rabbit.

**Nathaniel:** ...rabbit goes down the hole three times...

**Jim:** Round the hill.

**Nathaniel:** ...three times and goes down his burrow for some pop.

**Jim:** Never mind. Have a look at this one. Make two bunny ears, tie a bandana round his head and push the...

**Rupert:** (*Worried*) Excuse me.

**Jim:** Rupert.

**Rupert:** Do all these knots involve rabbits?

**Jim:** Why?

**Rupert:** I've got a bit of a thing about rabbits.

**Jim:** A thing?

**Rupert:** You know. A whatsit. (*Thinks for a bit.*) Phobia!

**Nathaniel:** I thought you had a phobia about snakes.

**Rupert:** I do.

**Sinless:** And you've got a phobia about rabbits? How d'you get that then Rupert?

**Rupert:** I was savaged by one when I was little.

**Willy:** Savaged? By a rabbit?

**Rupert:** Well...one ran towards me once.

**Otis:** Rabbits are shy animals. Why was it running after you?

**Rupert:** It was after me carrot.

**Jim:** Well let's see if there are any knots that don't involve rabbits.

**Rupert:** Or sheep. *(They all look at him.)* My father was eaten by a sheep.

**Sinless:** Eaten?

**Rupert:** Well...licked.

**Jim:** OK. We won't do the sheepshank today.

**Rupert:** Or voles.

**Jim:** What?

**Rupert:** Or voles. I'd prefer it if you could avoid knots that involve voles.

**Jim:** I don't know any knots that involve voles.

**Willy:** What terrible incident from your past has a vole in it?

**Rupert:** There isn't one. I just don't like the name. Vole!  
*(Shivers.)*

*Katy enters carrying something wrapped in a rag and an armful of oranges. She creeps behind the pirates. She's trying to make her way back to her hiding place.*

**Jim:** We'll stop the lesson for today. Who's supposed to be on lookout?

**Willy:** Me. I looked out a bit ago and all I could see was sea.

**Nathaniel:** Which direction were you looking?

**Willy:** Out to sea.

**Nathaniel:** Well that explains it.

*Katy trips, dropping her oranges which (hopefully) roll towards the members of the crew. She manages to hold onto one.*

**Katy:** Oops.

*The crew jump up and see Katy. None of them is sure what to do.*

**Katy:** Hello there. (*She holds out an orange.*) Orange? Good for scurvy.

*Rupert lets out a yelp and runs away.*

**Rupert:** Aarghh! Oranges! My allergy!

*Otis steps forward to take it.*

**Otis:** Thanks.

*He's pulled back by Willy.*

**Willy:** Watch out! Could be poisoned. I heard of a girl who ate a poisoned apple given to her by a friendly old woman once.

**Sinless:** Snow White?

**Willy:** That was her. Tragic.

**Jim:** We've got ourselves a stowaway. Sinless – you go and get the Captain.

*Sinless exits*

**Otis:** So is it?

**Katy:** What?

**Otis:** Poisoned? The orange I mean.

**Katy:** Could be. I'm pretty dangerous.

*Otis ducks behind Willy.*

**Nathaniel:** (*Pointing to the rag-covered object.*) What's that then?

*Katy quickly hides it behind her back.*

**Katy:** What?

**Nathaniel:** That thing you've got in your hand.

**Katy:** It's an orange.

**Nathaniel:** No, your other hand.

*Katy swaps the orange and the rag covered object behind her back and brings out the same orange.*

**Katy:** Oh! That's an orange too.

**Willy:** Oh great! If you've got two oranges, can I have one?

**Otis:** Hang on – you said it might be poisoned.

**Willy:** No...that was the other one.

*Enter Roger, Sam, Mrs Ravenbeard and Mary. Roger approaches Katy.*

**Otis:** Watch out sir! She's got an orange!

**Roger:** Thank you men. I'll deal with this.

*Otis, Willy, Jim and Nathaniel exit. Rupert runs off, trying to dodge the oranges on the floor.*

**Mrs Ravenbeard:** Hello sweetie. Don't be frightened by my Roger. He's just a big teddy bear.

**Roger:** Mother! (*To Katy.*) Well young lady; what are you doing aboard my ship?

*Katy looks at Mary, who shakes her head slightly.*

**Katy:** I've run away to sea.

**Sam:** What are you running away from?

**Katy:** Um...maths.

**Sam:** You've run away to sea because you don't like maths?

**Katy:** That's right. I can't do adding up. Or timesing.

**Mrs Ravenbeard:** That's all right love. He (*pointing to Roger*) still has to take his shoes and socks off to count to twenty.

**Roger:** Mother! Well, this all sounds highly suspicious.

*Roger notices Katy has a hand behind her back.*

**Roger:** Hold out your hand.

*Katy swaps the orange and object over again and holds out the orange.*

**Roger:** Both hands.

*Reluctantly Katy holds out the rag-covered object. Sam takes it from her and unwraps it.*

**Sam:** (*Excitedly.*) Ooh, ooh, sir! Look! It's the other half of that medallion.

*Roger takes the medallion and examines it.*

**Roger:** No. This is the same half. (*To Katy.*) So you're a thief as well as a stowaway. I have lots of treasure on board – why would you want to steal this?

*Katy looks at Mary again, who shakes her head and mimes zipping her mouth.*

**Katy:** Not telling.

**Roger:** No? I'm not that bothered to tell the truth. *(To Sam.)*  
Dump her over the side.

**Katy:** What?

*Sam looks awkward.*

**Sam:** But Cap'n. She's just a little girl.

**Roger:** Are you questioning an order Sam Bloodlust?

**Sam:** No...but...

**Roger:** Good. Get on with it.

*Sam sighs and takes Katy to the side of the ship.*

**Sam:** Sorry about this.

*He starts to lift her over the rail.*

**Katy:** Help! Mary! Do something!

*Roger looks at 'the princess'.*

**Roger:** Mary?

**Mrs Ravenbeard:** This is turning out to be a good day for secrets.

**Mary:** OK Ravenbeard, you win. Tell your monkey to put her down.

*Roger indicates to Sam to stop. Katy runs to Mary and gives her a hug.*

**Roger:** Would you mind telling me who you are? Bearing in mind that I'll throw the pair of you to the sharks if you lie to me.

**Mrs Ravenbeard:** Come on love. It's better to get it all out into the open. That's what my friend Mrs Noggin says. Mind you, she's usually talking about her washing.

**Mary:** I suppose I've got no choice. My name is Mary Kidd, and this is my sister Katy.

**Katy:** (*Waving.*) Hello.

**Sam:** (*Waving back.*) Hello.

**Roger:** You're Captain Kidd's kids. I met him once – decent fellow. Terrific pirate, right up until the day he was hanged.

*Mary covers Katy's ears.*

**Mary:** Do you mind?

**Roger:** Sorry.

**Mary:** He was, as you say, a decent man. And he wanted to provide for us, his children. He had made for us a golden medallion on which two maps were engraved: maps that showed where most of his treasure was hidden. One side of the medallion shows the group of islands where the treasure is buried, and the other shows which island to go to and where on the island we need to look. 'X' marks the spot and all that. Round the edge are some instructions. He broke the medallion in two and gave me and Katy half each.

**Mrs Ravenbeard:** Sounds a bit complicated to me. Why didn't he just give you the treasure?

**Mary:** I think he wanted to encourage our sense of adventure. And it would have been OK if madam here hadn't swapped her half of the medallion for a few marbles.

**Katy:** And a wooden frog!

**Mary:** So we've been chasing Katy's piece for a year-and-a-half, and now we've finally found it I suppose we're going to lose the whole thing.

**Roger:** You've brought the other half?

**Mary:** It's here...*(she reaches for her neck, then remembers she gave her half to Katy)*. Oh no, that's right, I gave it to...

**Partial Jack Spatula:** Hold it right there, Ravenbeard.

**Roger and Sam:** Partial Jack Spatula!

*Enter Partial Jack Spatula and crew, all armed with cutlasses. They take up positions surrounding Roger, Sam, Mrs Ravenbeard, Mary and Katy. Katy runs away but is caught by Salathiel Hack. She hides the piece of medallion she is holding.*

**Jack:** They say it's unlucky to have a woman on board – looks like you've got three lots of bad luck coming your way.

**Roger:** How did you sneak up on us? Who's on lookout?

**Sam:** That'd be Willy sir. You just sent him below.

**Jack:** Call out to your crew and she's fish bait. *(He indicates Katy.)*

**Sam:** Excuse me? *(Sam gets out the message from Jack.)* Is this meant to say 'liver'?

*Jack reads the note, moving his lips and following the words with his finger.*

**Jack:** Liver. That's right.

**Sam:** Thanks. That's what we thought. *(Points to another word.)* And this?

**Jack:** Sharks

**Sam:** *(To Roger.)* You were right. He wants to throw your liver to the sharks. I knew the sheikhs wouldn't be interested.

**Jack:** It's time to get me some...oh blimey! What's the word?

**Percy Cork:** Revenge.

**Jack:** Aye, revenge. Last time we met you took my eye...

**Roger:** Yes, sorry about that. But it sort of evens you out – what with the missing hand and leg and everything.

**Jack:** Well now I've found the perfect place to exact my, erm, my...

**Percy:** Retribution.

**Jack:** That's it, retribution. I am taking you to an island that's got wossnames on it...

**Percy:** Anthropophagite Amazons.

**Jack:** Have you just made that up?

**Percy:** No Captain. The archipelago of which you speak is inhabited by an indigenous tribe of cannibalistic warrior women.

**Mrs Ravenbeard:** He must be right handy to have around when you're doing the crossword.

**Jack:** Cannibals! That's it! We're giving you to the cannibals! And just because we're nasty, and to show there's lots of hard feelings, we'll take...*(he looks at the girls and decides upon Katy)*...you. If you follow us we'll cut her into little pieces and feed her to the sharks. If you do the, erm...

**Percy:** Sensible.

**Jack:** Sensible thing you'll find her in Port Royal. My beef is with him. Take them away boys.

*Partial Jack's crew exit with Roger and Katy.*

**Mrs Ravenbeard:** Well here's a to-do and no mistake.

**Mary:** What? They took my little sister! Aren't you bothered that your son is going to be eaten?

**Mrs Ravenbeard:** Worse things happen at sea.

**Mary:** Worse than being eaten by cannibals? Are you mad?

**Mrs Ravenbeard:** He'll be all right. He's very resourceful you know. I just hope he's got clean underpants on.

**Mary:** I'm not waiting until we get to Port Royal to find out if Katy's all right. And she's got both halves of the medallion; if those pirates find it I'll never get my inheritance. *(To Sam.)* Looks like you're in charge, monkey boy. Are there any ideas in that simian brain?

**Sam:** We've got to talk to Noah: he's our navigator; he'll know any islands that have got cannibals living on them. Come on.

*All exit.*